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SPEAKER NICHOL: Anyone else wish to speak to the Higgins amendment? If not, Senator Higgins, did you wish to close?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Just briefly. The second part of this resolution says that we urge the Russian people to urge their government to have a freeze and, Senator VonMinden, I would have to say that that kind of language is kind of ridiculous since you yourself just said that they don't have freedom of speech in Russia or in the communist countries. But the only thing I would say is I am offering this amendment because this is what I have written to my constituents who wrote me of their concern and I have had mixed requests from my district and I told them that as long as we had on site inspections as well as the bilateral agreement, and I understand Senator Wesely is saying "verifiable" would be included perhaps, but other people have told me that verifiable might just mean that you do it from a satellite and it might not uncover all of those underground silos, missiles, etcetera. So with this amendment I will support this resolution. Without this amendment I would not be able to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Higgins, there are 15 excused.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, you can record the vote any time you want. Oh, oh, we'll ask for a Call of the House.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The House is under Call. Will all of those not in their seats please return to their seats. All those listening on the public address system please return to the floor. Record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Please record your presence. Senator Beutler, would you please record your presence? Looking for Senator Abboud, Senator Labedz, Senator Lundy, Senator Warner, Senator Sieck. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I have had a request by another senator to ask before you take the vote to read the amendment.